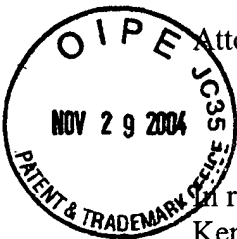


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Re Application of:

Kenneth Kiron and Kevin S. Bander

Application No.: 09/579,801

Confirmation No.: 8044

Filed On: May 26, 2000

Examiner: S. Wasylchak

Art Unit: 3624

For: Open End Mutual Fund Securitization Process

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

Applicants are a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on November 26, 2004. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

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☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.


Respectfully submitted,

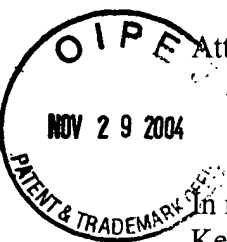
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 26, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.